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PALATKA, FLORIDA

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According to the New York Financial Review we are the second strongest National Bank in Florida.  
Our Safe Deposit Boxes, double lock system, are the best make. \$3.00 per year.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The following prices f.o.b. Detroit, effective August 2nd, 1915:

Ford Runabout . . . . . \$390.00  
Ford Touring Car . . . . . 440.00  
Ford Town Car . . . . . 640.00

No speedometer included in this year's equipment, otherwise cars fully equipped.

There can be no assurance given against an advance in these prices at any time. We guarantee, however, that there will be no reduction in these prices prior to August 1, 1916.

## PROFIT SHARING WITH RETAIL BUYERS

On August 1, 1914, we made the announcement that if we could make an "sell" at retail 300,000 Ford Cars between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, we would share profit with the retail purchasers, to the extent of from \$40 to \$60 on each car. We have sold over 300,000 Ford cars in the time specified, and profit-sharing checks of \$50 each will be distributed as rapidly as possible after August 15, 1915. Retail purchasers who have not yet mailed us their profit-sharing coupons, properly filled out, should do so without delay.

Our plan to profit-share with retail purchasers of Ford cars during 1914-15 has been most successful. We thoroughly believe in it, but realizing the uncertainty of conditions generally makes it advisable to defer any announcement of future profit-sharing until a later date. We are, however, confident of our ability to refund costs for several months and therefore can offer no profit sharing for cars delivered during August, September and October, 1915.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, Detroit

## THE CHARITY THAT THINKETH NO EVIL

Doth Not Appear to Reside in Jacksonville—Condemns Palatka.

According to information sent the local Associated Charities from an organization doing business under the same name in Jacksonville, and published ex cathedra in the Times-Union of that city—

"A woman appeared at the Charities' office who had been purchased a ticket to Palatka and sent to Jacksonville. There is an Associated Charities in Jacksonville. After talking with the mayor, this woman offered transportation back to Palatka, or the alternative of being arrested for vagrancy."

A telegram received by Mrs. Lansing, secretary of the Palatka Associated Charities on Monday, from the Jacksonville organization, together with a letter from the same source received on Wednesday, told of this woman. She was a Loziah C. Vaughan who lived with A. L. Calhoun in Palatka. She had applied to the Palatka Associated Charities for assistance and by that organization furnished a ticket to Jacksonville. That is the story told by the Jacksonville woman in Jacksonville, to the Associated Charities of that city.

And on the strength of this statement by a "professional pauper" the Jacksonville association of Charity (?) proceeds to condemn the Palatka organization, send it insulting letters and publish us in the Times-Union.

The Jacksonville organization might have exercised a sufficient amount of "charity" at least to have made inquiry of the "Palatka" organization. Had it done so they would have learned that no such person as Loziah C. Vaughan ever applied for assistance to the Palatka organization; that no such person as A. L. Calhoun lives here—at least his name is not in the 1915 city directory.

The Palatka Associated Charities can spot a fake instant. It is so accustomed to them that it knows who to turn down. The great majority of "professional paupers" who apply for local aid tell us they come from Jacksonville, and they ask the local organization to assist them in securing transportation to that city. They don't get the transportation. In most instances they get a meal; generally they get a day's work, or two. In this connection it may not be out of place to say that among residents of this city and county, there is very little pauperism; Palatka is constantly extending aid (charity) to the pauper element of Jacksonville, a class which seems to be so numerous in these latter days that there is a constant overflow to the more prosperous sections of the State.

If Jacksonville will bend its energies toward keeping its home-made paupers within the confines of its own walls, the balance of us will not be worried much by appeals for aid from indigent. Our burden is not caused by taking care of our own; it is the "professional" pauper-made variety of pauper peculiar to Jacksonville that causes us to worry.

## Services at St. Marks Church.

Services will be resumed at St. Marks church next Sunday, Sept. 5th, as follows:

7 a. m. Holy Communion.  
10 a. m. Sunday school.  
11 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon.  
7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and sermon.

JOHN T. LEWIS, Rector.

## Important Street Improvement.

As a result of a resolution introduced and passed in the city council by Alderman B. I. Gay, an important improvement has this week been made at the intersection of First and Lemon streets, under direction of City Engineer Stallings. A storm sewer has been run through to the river and the pavement levels rearranged so that water that formerly ran down through the roadway approach to the river, will now enter this storm sewer through several catch basins arranged at the corners. Heretofore the water was carried to the river over the roadway and during heavy rain storms gullies were frequently formed which made the passage of teams to the Clyde Line warehouse almost impossible. By the raising of the levels pedestrians can go from the walks to the pavements without taking a step down.

## Davis Liquor Law Affects Clubs.

William H. Jackson, solicitor for Hillsborough county, has given it as his opinion that the Davis liquor law which goes into effect the first of the coming month will prohibit clubs now in the habit of dispensing liquors to members and guests from continuing the practice. This of course will affect the Elks, Moose and other clubs now general throughout the State of Florida. Under this decision Sheriff Spencer of Tampa has said that he will act on the opinion of the solicitor.

On the other hand the Palm Beach Post, in a review of the law, states that the law does not affect clubs, for the reason that under the club license law of Florida the service of supplying liquors does not come under the definition of sale. If this be true then clubs supplying liquors to members may be expected to spring up in all parts of the state and become a greater nuisance than the saloons. Such a condition will hasten the day of absolute prohibition.

## PALATKA HAS "TIGERS" NOT SO DUCED BLIND

But That a Vigilant U. S. Revenue Officer Can Locate Them.

Deputy U. S. Revenue Collector P. M. Hagan, always known in Palatka as a fearless and vigilant officer, spotted two "blind tigers" in this town last week and collected of them the amount of Uncle Sam's annual license together with the penalty attached for doing business contrary to the revenue laws of the United States.

"I came down on these men today," said Mr. Hagan, "and say, if I was not sworn to secrecy, I could give you a story that would be real reading. It would surprise the people to learn who these men who are selling whisky are. But I am sworn to secrecy; no revenue officer may tell the names of these tigers, provided they pay up, and these men not only paid the amount of the revenue licenses, but they paid the 50 per cent penalty attached. Had they not done so their names would have been arrested and their names would then have been made public."

It does seem a bit inconsistent in the United States withholding the names of law breakers from state officials, but that seems to be the policy of the federal government. Putnam county has the "blind tigers;" every little while one or two negro tigers are caught by the county or city officials, but there are others, evidently, from the story of Mr. Hagan, who are not caught.

## CROWDS WILL GO TO ST. AUGUSTINE MONDAY

To Enjoy the Big Labor Day Celebration and See Ball Game.

With the special low rate of fare given by the F. E. C. R'y to St. Augustine and return, good for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, together with the inducements of the beaches, the Labor Day Celebration and more particularly the great and final game of ball for the season, Palatkans are scheduled to go in numbers to St. Augustine on the three days named. The larger crowds will go on Sunday and Monday. Besides the train accommodations, many are going in autos.

That the affair will be one of great interest, there can be no doubt. The St. Augustine chamber of commerce is back of the celebration and no expense has been spared in arranging a program of interesting events.

A note to The News from the chairman of the St. Augustine committee on publicity, says: "Arrangements for the big Labor Day celebration to be held in St. Augustine are now complete."

"Manager Martin of the Palatka base ball team was talking with Secretary Kilder of the chamber of commerce this morning and he assured Mr. Kilder that the Palatka team would be here strong."

"A number of people from Putnam county and Palatka and Jacksonville have written the chamber of commerce expressing their interest and assuring the secretary that they would bring all friends possible."

"Mr. Kettler from Hastings was in the chamber of commerce office this afternoon and asserted that every car in Hastings was planning for the trip. Mrs. McFloyd of Armstrong has advised that the Armstrong delegation will be here in full force. Mr. Moody of Bunnell has written that his heart is with us and he and all his friends will be here in the fun. Messrs. Kennerly and Howell Davis of Palatka have both written full of enthusiasm and say they will surely come to St. Augustine to see the Palatka team put the Saints out of sight."

"A good time is expected. Good speeches are in store. Than Senator Bryan there is no more favored speaker in the state. Good music and good fellowship will make the day a pleasant one for all."

## THOSE "ALL STARS" WERE ONLY METEORS.

The Jacksonville "All Stars," the crack ball club of the Florida metropolis played with the Palatka team on the local diamond yesterday afternoon. It wasn't much of a game—as ball games have been going in this town, it was a very poor game. The Palatka boys didn't try to play—they didn't have to—and the Jacksonville bunch couldn't play.

The score was 7 to 3 in favor of the Palatka State Champions.

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below a living profit, but we positively guarantee to give you as good value for your money as can be given by any honest business and the volume of business that is coming our way proves our contention.  
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628 Kirby St.

## PRESIDENT JARRETT OF BOARD OF TRADE

Announces the New Committees of the Board for Ensuing Year.

At a well attended meeting of the board of governors of the Palatka board of trade held on Tuesday evening, President Jarrett announced the following appointments of committees for the ensuing year:

Docks-Rivers-Traffic—H. M. de Montmolin, Fred Cochrane and Capt. M. R. Ryan.

Good Roads—Dr. H. A. Johnson, A. Usina and C. H. Price.

Civics-Education-Library—H. F. Leeks, H. O. Hamm and H. L. Gardner.

Manufacturers and New Enterprises—E. M. Earnest, H. E. Merryday and D. W. Ramsaur.

Agriculture—W. A. Walton, R. J. Hancock and C. H. Kennerly.

Sanitation and Public Health—Dr. E. W. Warren, C. H. Selden and M. A. Brosius.

Merchants Protective—C. E. Rowton, F. H. Wilson, J. H. Haughton, M. S. Brown and J. T. Ashby.

Membership—Capt. J. E. Lucas, Noah Tilghman, Jr., and H. C. Dodge.

Arbitration—H. R. Brakeman, Henry Hutchinson Sr., and A. Grainger.

Conventions—Howell A. Davis, A. A. Corcoran and Thos. H. Higgins.

Entertainments—Charles Burt, Perry Ross, Louis Kalbfeld, Dr. A. M. Hedick and W. P. Merriam.

The question of financing the board of trade for the coming year was discussed, and on motion of Warner V. Laman, seconded by John Q. Tilghman the president was instructed to appoint a finance committee, such committee to have full power to act for the board.

The president appointed as such committee, Howell A. Davis, H. F. Leeks and E. W. Elliott.

The board decided that the meeting nights for the governors will be the first Monday night and the fourth Tuesday night in each month at 7:30.

Secretary E. W. Elliott was appointed to represent the board of trade at the meeting of the Central Florida Highway Association in Lakeland on September 8th and 9th.

A Mr. Pride, who is inventor of a machine for grubbing palmetto lands came before the board asking the donation of \$500 to assist him in getting his family here and to begin the manufacture of his machine in a local machine shop. On the retirement of Mr. Pride the board of governors took up the question of assisting him, and there was quite a lengthy discussion. But the board decided that as Mr. Pride has nothing to offer the city of Palatka in the way of an investment in a plant, that as his invention is yet in embryo, he not having demonstrated its practicability, his application should be turned down. The board thought that when he got ready to invest in a plant for the manufacture of his machine, thus giving employment to a number of men, it might be in order and quite the proper case to come to his assistance, but under present conditions such a donation was not in order.

## A City That Does Things.

The Starke Telegraph of last week says:

"Palatka is one of the Florida cities which does things. A firm there is now engaged in the very unusual enterprise for a Florida city of building a schooner so large that she will be able to carry 450,000 feet of lumber. The launching will soon take place with elaborate ceremonies that will be attended by many thousands of people from all over the state. The Palatkans never neglect to make all they can of their opportunities, and the adventing the city will receive from this event will be of incalculable worth, while the money spent by the sightseers will richly repay the cost of the preparations. Another industry in which Palatka is unique is camphor production. The orchard at Satsuma Heights, south of the city, has now reached the stage where there is no longer all outlay, for the great quantities of camphor sold, according to the papers, will soon repay the money expended and prove the orchard a profitable investment."

Of course Palatka can obtain no credit for the establishment of this great camphor farm at Satsuma Heights, eight miles south of the city, but the city does get a heap of satisfaction from the knowledge that it is the only colossal enterprise of the kind in the United States, that it is a Putnam county enterprise, and that under the superintendence of Prof. W. O. Richtmann formerly of the Smithsonian Institute, its success has been fully demonstrated. Palatka gets but a reflected credit for this great camphor industry, and that because of its nearness to the city.

But the schooner; glory be, that's ours, and its public launching at an early day, with a pretty girl to break the bottle on its prow and a public ceremony with speeches by Gov. Trammell, ex-Gov. Gilchrist and others, will be an event in Palatka to which the whole State, including the editor of the Starke Telegraph—once some punk himself in Florida politics—is invited, and not only invited, but expected.

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## LOWEST BIDDER FOR PALATKA'S POSTOFFICE

Is Westchester Engineering Co. of White Plains, N. Y.

As stated exclusively in The Palatka News of last week, the bids for the construction of Palatka's new post-office building were opened in Washington on Friday last, August 27th.

The News has no information at this writing as to whom the contract was awarded. Its information covers only the names of the two lowest bidders. It is more than likely, therefore, other things being equal, and because of the great difference in the bids, that the award will be made to the Westchester Engineering Company of White Plains, N. Y. This company has had large experience in the construction of government buildings.

The following are the bids.  
Westchester Engineering Co.—Limestone, \$39,652; sandstone, \$42,400.

Asher & Bassford, Tampa, Fla.—Limestone, \$48,329; sandstone, \$49,321.

Postmaster Harry Gray states that he has no information as yet as to the letting of the contract; that it might have been awarded, and there was no special reason why he should be notified. The only thing coming to the News from Washington is to the effect that the award will be made in a few days. This is a few days ago.

Postmaster Gray stated to the News last week that the only representative of a contracting company that he had any knowledge of came from White Plains, N. Y., the home of the low-bidding company, and that this representative told him that if his firm secured the contract they would be on the ground ready to begin work within 30 days.

## Popular Winter Visitor Dies.

Word was received at the Saratoga Hotel last week of the death at his home in Iowa of Mr. C. O. Maltby, a venerable but active and decidedly popular gentleman who spent last winter in this city, a guest at the Saratoga Hotel. Mr. Maltby was here in company with his friend, Rev. Dr. H. H. Green, a distinguished retired Methodist Episcopal minister now living at Decorah, Iowa, and the two were seen much together about the streets and seemed to enjoy their stay in Palatka fully as much as those of our citizens who came to know them enjoyed their being here.

Mr. Maltby was one of the big farmers of the west and a man of considerable wealth; he was a soldier who served through the four years of the civil war and he had a fondness for the south. It had been his purpose to return to Palatka the coming winter and his many friends here were looking forward with pleasure to the greeting. But instead of the coming greeting, they will drop a tear to the memory of a clean and wholesome American who has dropped from the ranks through sheer weariness and is now enjoying his well-earned rest in "the palace of the King."

The funeral of Mr. Maltby was conducted by his lifelong friend, Dr. Green.

## "Shorty" Davidson's Pardon.

The Tampa Times and other papers in the State especially unfriendly to Gov. Trammell have been making digs at Florida's chief executive because of a rumor that "Shorty" Davidson, of High Springs, convicted with Kelly of the murder of W. C. Sellers of the A. C. L., at a special term of the Putnam circuit court in June, 1909, and sentenced to life imprisonment, had been pardoned. None of these papers were sure of their facts; they have been uttering their condemnations on rumor. The News will give them the facts.

"Shorty" Davidson was pardoned on August 7th. Next week The News will give the reasons which actuated the board of pardons in its decision.

For the present all that is necessary to say is that the pardon was not the work of Gov. Trammell, but was the decision of the board, of which the governor is but one member.

That the pardon will be a disappointment to many goes without saying. The feeling in Palatka, where Kelly and Davidson were tried on a charge of venue from the Alachua circuit, is that Davidson was not actually guilty of the murder of Sellers, he had guilty knowledge; that he is a bad man and that the State is safer with him in prison.

On the other hand there are many who were present at the trial and who are conversant with the facts there brought out, who believe that Davidson's life sentence was too severe. When the men were sentenced, Kelly made this statement to Judge Willis: "Your honor, as for myself I accept the sentence, but I want to say that Mr. Davidson is no more guilty of this crime than any man within the sound of my voice."

This statement of Kelly had weight with the crowd. Many of them felt that Davidson's sentence was severe. Kelly and Davidson were defended by the late Joe Stripling, assisted by Judge E. Noble Calhoun, then a young man just entering upon the practice of his profession.

Secretary R. A. Gray wired The News yesterday morning that he was sending a letter giving the basis of action of the board of pardons in the Davidson case. This may arrive too late for publication this week.

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